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Atty.'s Docket: **VAN EIJK-17**

In Re Application of: Michael J. T. VAN EIJK

Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 10/560,968 Conf. No. 2423

Examiner: Joyce TUNG

National Phase Entry Filed: March 19, 2007

Washington, D.C.

For: MEANS AND METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF TARGET NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES
USING LIGATION ASSAYS WITH IMPROVED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBE PAIRS

Date: December 4, 2009

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response and Amendment** in the above-identified application to an Office Action dated Aug. 18, 2009.

[XX] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[] No additional fee is required.

[] Fee as calculated below

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	39	MINUS	** 41	0	x 26	\$		x 52	\$
INDEP.	2	MINUS	*** 3	0	x 110	\$		x 220	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 195	\$		+ 390	\$
					ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	\$		TOTAL	\$

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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown on the Notice of Appeal, filed on even date herewith

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[XX] First - \$ 65.00

[] Second - \$ 245.00

[] Third - \$ 555.00

[] Fourth - \$ 865.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 130.00

[] Second - \$ 490.00

[] Third - \$ 1110.00

[] Fourth - \$ 1730.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for ___ month(s) extension of time on _____.

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[] Payment in the amount of **\$ 65.00** will be made using the online filing system.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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